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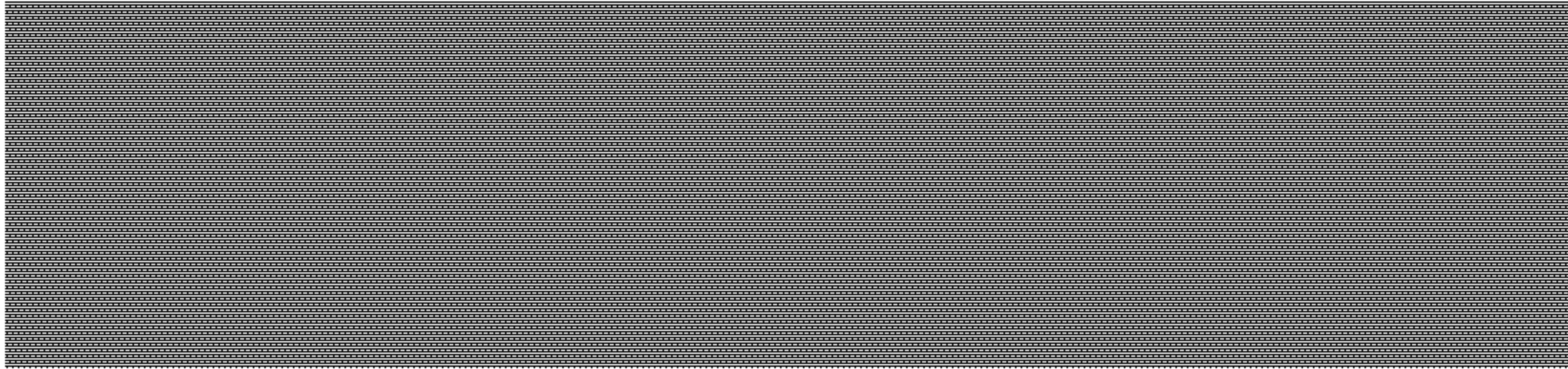
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TITLE: REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES.
INITIATIVE STATUTE.



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SUMMARY:

REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Measure provides that the prevailing party in all civil law cases shall, as part of the judgment, be awarded reasonable attorney's fees. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: The net fiscal impact is unknown. The payment of attorney's fees would result in state and local costs in cases lost and savings in cases won. It would affect the behavior of people, resulting in an unknown change in the number of civil cases filed, the number settled versus those tried, and the types of awards. These changes, in turn, could have unknown effects on state and local government costs with regard to (1) their status as parties to civil suits (awards paid and received, legal expenses) and (2) their operation of the trial courts.